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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director STATINTL

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SUBJECT: Better Utilization of International Skills Meeting,  
28 April 1983

1. On Thursday, 28 April, I attended a meeting to discuss the progress of the task force on the Better Utilization of International Skills at your request. The meeting was convened by Rich Beal of the NSC Staff.

2. The task force has come up with a rather elaborate scheme intended to encourage unclassified research in the academic community on economic, political, and cultural topics in the rest of the world. The indirect objective, and the one of most interest to us, is to attract bright and well-qualified students to area studies and enhance the size and quality of the manpower pool from which we draw. Our equities are well protected, since [ ] STAT  
[ ] of the Intelligence Community Staff is one of the members of the task force.

3. The discussions at the meeting reflected general support for the concept but significant doubts about some of the details. The most contentious question was the bureaucratic locale of the focal point for this effort in the Federal Government. The task force had suggested that the chairmanship of the proposed Federal Council on International Research and Manpower go to the NSC Staff. Many in attendance at the meeting felt that such a role for the NSC Staff would create unnecessary resistance to the endeavor both in the academic community and on Capitol Hill. There were also some questions about the universities to be represented on the panel that would represent academia. The task force will be gathering specific comments on their proposal and plans to send out a revision for "informal comment" about 1 June. Beal hopes to press forward on this and get it into the regular budget cycle for fiscal year 1986. He also wants to enlarge the task force, which presently includes Andy Marshall of Defense and Ray Platig of State, as well as [ ] STAT

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